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This Week In News: Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Hello,

It's Wednesday, so you already know it's NUVO News Editor Rob Burgess back with you once again.

This week, I have been busy compiling the submitted answers to the top six most popular questions for the Indianapolis mayoral and City-County Council posed and voted upon by NUVO readers. Since I've sent several callouts to the candidates I haven't been able to locate via email, I have heard back from several of them. I am still missing correct email addresses from the following City-County Council candidates: District 2: Thye Petty (D); District 4: Timothy Alan Knight (D); District 13: Deandra Denise Yates (D); and District 14: Joseph Denney (D). If you have any leads contact me at rburgess@nuvo.net. I have received several responses from the other Council candidates, including: Alison Brown, Crista Carlino, Zach Adamson, John Barth, Tom Vaughn, Mike McQuillen, and Phillip L. Anderson Sr. **I have already started publishing some of these answers** and will continue to publish them as I receive all the answers from the candidates in each race.

As I've mentioned before, we've been expanding our storytelling more and more into audio and video. **Earlier this month, we published this video of a**

discussion between Topher Anderson, co-leader of Citizens Climate Lobby Indianapolis, and myself. Topher also wrote [an op-ed for us](#) a while back about the Green New Deal, which we also brought up in that conversation.



A still from my interview with Topher Anderson

Today, I wanted to share [the audio from my latest conversation, this time with Jenni White](#), who was recently named the founding executive director of Trinity Haven, Indiana's first home for LGBTQ youth who have nowhere safe to live. Slated to open this summer, Trinity Haven is located in a large Arts and Crafts-style home in Mapleton-Fall Creek. It offers a safe, welcoming transitional home for LGBTQ youth ages 16 to 21. When it opens, Trinity Haven will be able to serve as many as 10 youth at a time, with the potential to eventually house 15 or more.

I've also been integrating reader feedback into my weekly House of Burgess columns. Two weeks ago, [I wrote about the books which were listed as the most challenged](#) by the American Library Association and the Indianapolis Public Library. At the bottom of that column I included a poll in which I asked readers to select which of those books they thought I should read. After almost 100 votes, the clear winner was [Calorie Accounting: the Foolproof Diet-by-Numbers Plan for a Skinnier New You](#) by Mandy Levy. I was told by Deb Lambert, IPL director of collection management, a copy of this book was returned by an "anonymous patron [who] placed dozens and dozens of post-it notes flagging every page with what she considered an inappropriate (e.g. swear) word for this kind of book." I've started reading the book, and I've scheduled an interview with Levy for this afternoon.

And, in last week's column, I wrote about [all the various reasons you should absolutely not plant Bradford Pear trees this spring](#). (In short, they smell horrible, they're an invasive species, their limbs are weak, and they don't even produce pears.) At the end, though, I wanted to give readers a chance to tell me which native trees they would like to plant instead. The poll is open through Friday, April 26, [so let me know your answer here](#).

Have a great rest of your Wednesday!

Best,



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Burgess: Stop Planting Bradford Pear Trees

These flowering contagions might look nice for a few weeks a year, but I literally see no upside to intentionally planting a reeking, weak-limbed, invasive “pear” tree that produces no pears. **Read more**



LISTEN: Interview with Jenni White, Founding Executive Director of Trinity Haven

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